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Applicant: Goletz, et al.
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Title: HIGHLY ACTIVE GLYCOPROTEINS-PROCESS CONDITIONS AND AN
EFFICIENT METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION
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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), received on October 31, 2008, for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the application wherein the inventor's name Hans Baumeister is misprinted as Hans Baurneister.

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.¹

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¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

Applicant states that the name was properly spelled in the ADS submitted with the application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.76(d)(1), the latest submitted information will govern, thus the spelling of the name contained in the Oath supersedes the spelling of the inventors name in the ADS. See MPEP 601.05. The quality of the text in the Declaration is not clear and it is not clear whether the name is Baumeister or Baurneister.

On May 28, 2008, a Filing Receipt was mailed by the Office, which improperly listed the inventor's name as Hans Baurneister. To avoid this type of problem in the future, applicant's representative should make request a corrected filing receipt prior to publication of the application.

The applicant is advised that a "request for republication of an application previously published" may be filed under 37 CFR 1.221(a). Such a request for republication "must include a copy of the application compliance with the Office's electronic filing system requirements and be accompanied by the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i)." If the request for republication does not comply with the electronic filing system requirements, the republication will not take place and the publication fee set forth in § 1.18(d) will be refunded. The processing fee will be retained.

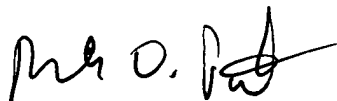
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